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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

JORGE ABEL GROISO

Serial No.: 10/051,156

Filed: January 22, 2002

For: BONE STAPLE AND METHODS
FOR CORRECTING BONE
DEFICIENCIES BY
CONTROLLABLY SUPPRESSING
AND/OR INDUCING THE
GROWTH OF THE EPIPHYSEAL
PLATE

Art Unit: 3732

Examiner: PRIDDY, MICHAEL B.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claim rejections set forth in the Office Action mailed November 3, 2003.

A petition for a one month extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith. Any additional fee necessary for the consideration of this response is authorized to be charged to deposit account number 50-1390.

Claims 1-21 remain pending in this application. Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 4-6, 11-13 and 17-21.

However, for the reasons stated below, Applicant respectfully submits that all of claims 1-21 are in condition for allowance.